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The Honorable Sherman Adams  
The Assistant to the President  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sherman:

I appreciate very much your note of 6 April with which you forwarded excerpts from a memorandum to the President from Howland Hughes. I have considered these excerpts most carefully. While it has been necessary to increase our budget request for Fiscal Year 1957 in order to meet the increased requirements placed upon us, we are constantly striving to reduce or eliminate less productive programs and projects and to find more efficient ways of doing our work so as to keep actual obligations to a minimum.

I am sure you realize how difficult it is to budget accurately for our unusual operations which are influenced to such a great extent by unforeseen developments in other parts of the world over which we have no control. I have made every effort, however, to undertake operations only when I could reasonably expect success with a high probability of furthering this Government's objectives, and have, therefore, been able to carry on my work and at the same time turn back relatively large sums to the Treasury. I shall continue to do this whenever possible, and you may be assured of my wholehearted cooperation in the accomplishment of the President's objectives.

Sincerely,

SIGNED

Allen W. Dulles  
Director

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